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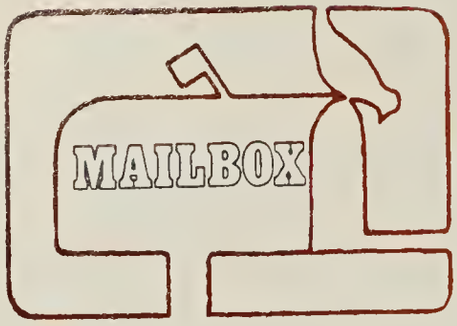

Tar Heel Native Misses "Wonderful" Magazine

I am a native of North Carolina's Stedman area now residing in Florida —to my regret—and miss the wonderful *Carolina Country* magazine. My Mom saves them for me from one visit to the next, but I would love to have my own copies. I'm sending a check for a subscription.

Frances Bunce
Orlando, FL

They "Like" The Magazine

I am a long-time member of an EMC, but I have moved from Union County and am no longer with the EMC. I like your magazine. I am enclosing $5 for a two-year subscription.

Mrs. Lester Greene
Charlotte

I enjoy *Carolina Country* very much. Best of luck with your magazine.

Violet Payne
Brasstown

I like the *Carolina Country* very much. As many recipes as I have, I always look forward to the recipe each month.

Gertrude Shepherd
Rt. 3, Mount Gilead

I love your magazine. I read my Dad's copy.

Mariam Sherrill Pardue
Statesville

Thanks For "Kind" Review

Thank you for the kind review of my book, *The Suitcases*.

Your readers might like to know that it has been taken by *Reader's Digest* in 14 countries; optioned for television and recorded as a book cassette for the blind and handicapped (which is available through the North Carolina public libraries).

Also, all materials that went into the book—manuscripts, family photos, illustrations, etc.—are on display in the Queen's College Library in Charlotte.

Anne Hall Whitt
Gaithersburg, MD

Reads The Magazine "From Front To Back"

I love the *Carolina Country* magazine and read it from front to back.

Grace B. Lyon
Rt. 1, Roaring River

"Keep Up The Good Work"

Although I'm no longer a member of Albemarle EMC (Hertford), I do wish to continue receiving this fine publication. Therefore, I'm enclosing a check to extend my subscription another two years.

Your "down to earth" articles ar humor are a welcomed change fro the "political-bound" material of mo periodicals.

Keep up the good work you a doing and spreading the truth throug the *Carolina Country*.

Frederick H. Riggs
Virginia Beach, V

Subscribes For Daughter

I am enclosing a check for a subscri tion to *Carolina Country* for my daug ter in Shelby. She really does enj this magazine. She always reads mi when she comes to visit.

Annie Bell Sm
Bos

Let's Preserve "People-Owned-And-Ruled" Co-op

This is a response to the letter from R. E. Weir of Bushnell, FL, whic appeared in your July issue. I agree with everything your magazine stated in i response, but I wish to add the following:

If co-ops were incorporated with investor-owned utilities (IOUs), the cos for those companies would also rise because of a decreased "checks-an balance" factor. Co-ops often fight requested rate increases from IOUs throug the court system if arbitration fails. More often than not, they win.

With the demise of the co-ops, the municipalities would become the on "checks" left and it is not likely that they would carry the fight alone at times. Therefore, IOUs—who often face only perfunctory opposition from t power commissions—could happily raise their prices.

We have to remind ourselves that any investor-owned, for-profit compa has one primary obligation—to serve its investors, to make profit for the which often is considered as being no more than right when in the 20 perce bracket.

Electricity is so vital for our survival that it should never be a tool for pro schemes, withholding it where it's not profitable, etc. Ideally, electrical pow should be handled on a non-profit basis nationwide. But, since this cannot done anymore, let us preserve the not-for-profit, people-owned-and-govern systems that we do have.

People-owned-and-ruled means just that. You can approach your co-op, n only with complaints, but also with suggestions for improvements, co cutting—anything that will help their service.

And you will be heard, with the ideas being accepted whenever feasible. T this with an investor-owned company. Suggest to them that they serve th customers by cutting their own governing body's expenses!

Ideally, I would like to see co-ops free of government (REA) and se sufficient in all areas—as well as becoming independent of the IOUs. May someday it will happen. But to achieve this, all members have to support th co-ops and also possibly help carry the cost of establishing our "freedom."

The REA loans to the co-ops were needed in the past and still are in ma places. So, we have to wean ourselves slowly. But it can be done. Where there a will, there is a way.

Renate Dah
Raef

Mrs. Dahlin, who is served by Lumbee River EMC, Red Springs, is a member that co-op's Women's Committee.

VIEWPOINT

Satellite TV: Technology For All Americans

This editorial was written by Paul Wesslund, manager of statewide publications services for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The hubbub over the decision by three major satellite TV programmers to scramble their signals has raised the question of whether a potentially important technology will be available to everyone in the United States, or if rural people will be left out.

It's more than a matter of the dish owners' access to the latest movies.

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Homeowners first started installing the dish-shaped antennas in their backyards about 10 years ago. Dish owners could choose from dozens of TV channels primarily intended for distribution by cable television companies. Installing a home satellite system seemed like a reasonable alternative for rural areas where cable was not available.

More and more dishes dotted the countryside, as their prices fell from more than $5,000 to less than $2,000. Programmers whose income depends on payments from cable companies rather than advertisers, saw a large market that was watching their shows for free.

So early this year Home Box Office and Showtime, two leading movie programmers, began scrambling their signals. Cable News Network followed in July. Suddenly the only people who can watch those channels are cable customers or dish owners who buy a decoder and pay a monthly fee to the programmer.

Fair enough. The programmers deserve to be paid for the service.

The trouble is, there's only one company that makes the decoders, and they cost $395 each—a cable customer pays virtually nothing for the decoding service. On top of that, the dish owner pays more than $15 a month to receive each channel.

Even that wouldn't be worth so much fuss—it's only three channels out of more than 100, after all. But other programmers have also announced plans to scramble. Analysts expect that in the next three years more than half of the satellite programmers will scramble their signals.

The cost and the uncertainty over scrambling plans have decimated dish sales in rural America. The growth of home satellite TV has stopped and the skies are darkening for dish owners. Meanwhile, urban cable viewers continue to enjoy their choice of programs, as well as access to the potential of telecommunications.

That potential is what makes the whole issue more important than watching movies. Much of the promise of cable remains unrealized—two-way communication, education, alarm systems and home banking and shopping. Some areas televise local city council meetings and other systems have experimented with voting by cable.

Satellite technology could conceivably provide many of those services for the areas outside of the reach of cable service. But not if the growth of the satellite antenna industry is halted or priced beyond the reach of most people. And that's exactly what's happening.

Rural electric cooperatives want to help telecommunications flourish in the countryside, just as they helped with electricity 50 years ago. Co-ops can do that without any government assistance, by forming self-supporting subsidiaries and they can do it at less cost, because they are non-profit.

Specifically, rural electric co-ops hope to be able to offer, by early next year, a package of decoded programs for about $10 a month. To that end, rural electric co-op representatives have formed the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative.

The telecommunications co-op will be active in the home satellite industry, seeing that rural people are considered in the major decisions and making sure that rural dish owners have access to the full potential of the emerging technology such as two-way capabilities.

Arguments can be made that electricity, the telephone and television are examples of technologies we can live without. However, few people in this country have made that choice. As a result, these services have become essential to being a part of American society.

Chances are that telecommunications will soon join this list of essential services that should be available to all Americans.

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Beverage Retires After 38 Years

Brown Takes Reins At Four County

Edward E. Brown Jr., a Martin County native who has spent the past 18 years in the rural electrification program, has been named general manager of Four County Electric Membership Corporation, Burgaw.

He succeeds L. P. (Bill) Beverage, who has retired after 38 years of service as general manager of Four County EMC.

Brown, who assumed his post on Aug. 18, has been manager of statewide activities for the Ohio statewide organization of electric cooperatives for the past two years.

Earlier, he served as manager of member relations at Chugach Electric Association, Inc., in Anchorage, Alaska, and as general manager of Albemarle EMC, Hertford.

Prior to joining Albemarle EMC in 1973, he was on the staff of North Carolina's statewide EMC organization and its magazine, *Carolina Country*.

A graduate of N.C. State University with a degree in English, he has a master of arts degree in journalism from UNC-CH.

While at Albemarle EMC, he served on the boards of two statewide corporations serving the state's co-ops and was an officer in one of the organizations.

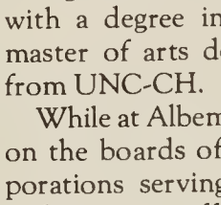
Beverage began his career in the rural electric program in 1940 as pla superintendent of Northern Ne Electric Co-op, Warsaw, VA. Late he served as general manager of Prin George Electric Co-op, Warsaw, VA

When he joined Four County EM in June, 1948, the co-op had employees and served about 4,1 consumer-members.

Upon his retirement, the EMC ha 71 employees and about 19,800 co sumer-members.

The EMC's service territory includ Duplin, Sampson, Bladen and Pend Counties.

During his tenure at Four Count Beverage served on various committe of state and national co-op organi tions. He was especially involved efforts by the state group to establi adequate and reliable sources of pow supply for the EMCs across the stat



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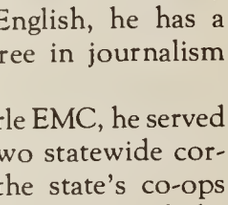

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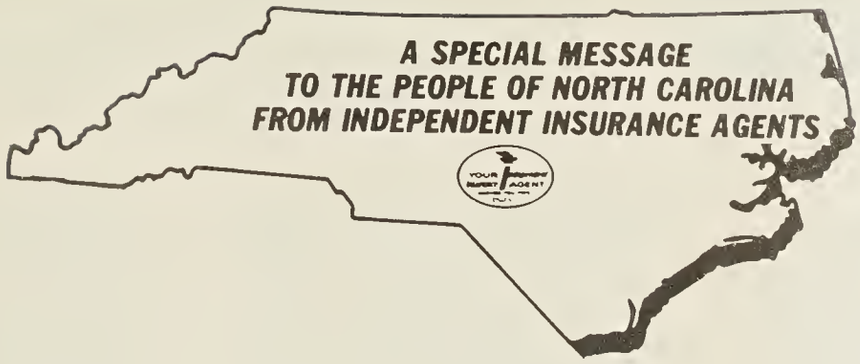
NC State Fair

Raleigh, October 17-26



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Contests Set At Fair's Senior Citizens Festival

North Carolina senior citizens who enjoy dancing and wearing unusual hats can participate in such "fun and games" as part of two new contests that'll be featured at the Senior Citizens Fun Festival at the N.C. State Fair in Raleigh, according to Frank H. Jeter Jr., the festival's superintendent.

The festival, which is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 20, will offer $25 cash prizes for the winners of the contests.

The dance contest will present prizes for the winners in three categories: Charleston, Twist and Waltz. The hat contest will present prizes for winners judged to be wearing the best hats in three groups: North Carolina agriculture, comic hats and glamour.

In addition to these contests, the festival will present a bronze plaque to the oldest North Carolina resident at the event. It will conclude with the traditional "Senior Citizens Walk for Fun and Fitness."

Pre-registration is required to enter the two new contests. Entry deadline is Sept. 30.

To pre-register and get number assignments for the contests, write to Superintendent Frank H. Jeter Jr., 1321 Williamson Drive, Raleigh, NC 27608.

Alleghany County Family Gets Conservation Honor

The J. Page Evans family of Alleghany County has been selected as the 1986 North Carolina Conservation Farm Family for the National Endowment for Soil and Water Conservation.

Evans and his two sons farm 750 acres with roughly equal acreages of crops, pasture and woodland. The livestock operation consists of a 100-cow dairy herd and about 100 head of purebred Angus beef cattle.

This is the fourth year of the national endowment program, which is co-sponsored by the DuPont Company.

Ten state finalists will be recognized in October. The top three finalists will be honored at a White House ceremony in December.

North Carolina has placed in the top ten in two of the three previous years.

Coastal Commission Cites Foundation

The Pamlico-Tar River Foundation a conservation organization based in Washington, NC, has received the 1986 achievement award from the N.C. Coastal Resources Commission.

The commission, a 15-member agency that regulates development in 20 coastal counties, presents the award annually to an organization tha makes contributions to the coastal management program.

Co-op Association Awarded 4-H Honor

The North Carolina Association o Electric Cooperatives has received ar award for supporting the North Carolina 4-H program for the past 32 years.

The association was cited for sponsoring the electric demonstration, home environment project and home energy/home environment demonstration. The 4-H Development Fund, which is headquartered a N.C. State University, sponsored the award.

Brochure Available For Small Businesses

A new brochure from the Small Business Development Division of the state's Commerce Department is helping Tar Heel entrepreneurs find valuable assistance.

The brochure is a comprehensive listing of public and private agencies offering services for small business persons.

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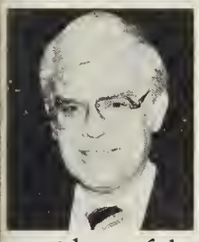
some very valuable sources," said Assistant Secretary for Small Business Lewis H. Myers.

The brochure, which also lists licensing and other regulatory agencies affecting small business, is available upon request from the Small Business Development Division. For a copy, call (919) 733-7980 or write: Small Business Development Division, North Carolina Department of Commerce, 430 N. Salisbury Street, Raleigh, NC 27611.

Boone Man Appointed To National Co-op Committee

A director of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Lenoir, has been named to a special national committee that will study various issues that will face U.S. rural electric cooperatives in the years ahead.



He is Johnnie R. Austin of Rt. 4, Boone, who has been a director of Blue Ridge EMC for the past 16 years. He currently serves as president of the co-op's board and is a past president of the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives.

A total of 46 rural electric co-op managers and directors were appointed to the study group, which was organized by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Mountain Glory Festival Scheduled For Oct. 11

The 1986 Mountain Glory Festival in Marion has been scheduled for Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Arts and crafts, food, music and children's entertainment will be featured during the event.

For more information, write or call the McDowell Chamber of Commerce, 17 N. Garden St., Marion, NC 28752. Phone: (704) 652-4240.

Cover: Whitewater Falls

This shot of Whitewater Falls was made by Jim Clark of Bahama. The falls, which are the highest in Eastern America, are off U.S. 64 between Cashiers and Lake Toxaway.

17 EMC Directors Win Re-Election

A total of 17 directors have been elected to new terms on the Boards of Directors of five North Carolina Electric Membership Corporations during recent co-op annual meetings:

- **Blue Ridge EMC**, Lenoir—Re-elected were Johnnie R. Austin of Rt. 4, Boone; Charles A. Suddreth of Rt. 5, Lenoir; John Woodruff of Sparta and Charles C. Edwards of Rt. 1, West Jefferson.
- **Randolph EMC**, Asheboro—Re-elected were T. Harold Terry of Rt. 1, Siler City; Charles Teague of Rt. 1, Seagrove and Larry Routh of Rt. 1, Franklinville.
- **Pee Dee EMC**, Wadesboro—Re-elected were Ted Hargett of Rt. 1, Marshville; Charles D. Smith of Rt. 2, Laurel Hill; Neal Hicks Jr. of Rt. 3, Rockingham and H. M. Royals of Wadesboro.
- **Roanoke EMC**, Rich Square—Re-elected were Henry A. Bennett of Rt. 1, Rich Square; James H. Farrow of Rt. 1, Eure and Carlton Garner of Rt. 2, Roanoke Rapids.
- **Haywood EMC**, Waynesville—Re-elected were Emmit P. Wood of Scaly Mountain; David Edwards of Rt. 3, Waynesville and John W. Rogers of Rt. 1, Clyde.

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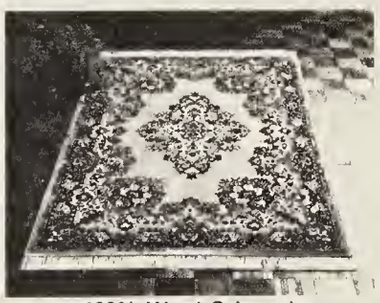
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TV Personalities Set For State Fair Appearances

Characters from two popular children's television programs will make personal appearances at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh, Oct. 17-26, in behalf of the University of North Carolina Center for Public Television.

The characters Gordon and Susan (Roscoe Orman and Loretta Long) of "Sesame Street" and Mr. McFeeley (David Newell) of "Mr. Rogers' Neighborhood" will appear at the Center's tent near Dorton Arena.

The "Sesame Street" characters will be on hand Oct. 25 and will perform at 12 noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Mr. McFeeley is scheduled to appear during the afternoon on Oct. 17.

In addition, Bob Thomson, host of the long-running PBS series "The Victory Garden" is scheduled to visit the fair Oct. 21 for appearances at the Center pavilion and to judge flower arranging in the greenhouse area.

Roy Underhill, host of the Center's series, "The Woodwright's Shop," will also make an appearance at the Center tent sometime during the fair.

In addition, the "Dr. Who" traveling exhibit will be on display. The exhibit, which features costumes and memorabilia from the popular British science fiction series, will be adjacent to the Center's pavilion at the fair.

Gordon

Mr. McFeeley

Wake EMC Receives REA Loan For Project

Wake Electric Membership Corporation, Wake Forest, has received a $4 million loan from the Rural Electrification Administration to help finance an expansion project.

The project involves building 94 miles of distribution line to serve about 1,800 new consumers and building eight miles of transmission line. The co-op will also improve existing distribution lines, build several substations and make other systemwide improvements.

A $1.8 million loan from the Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation will also be used to finance the project.

The EMC serves about 11,000 consumer-members in Wake, Granville, Vance, Durham, Johnston, Nash and Franklin Counties.

Chicken Cooking Contest Entry Deadline: Oct. 15

Entries for the 37th National Chicken Cooking Contest are still being accepted, but the deadline for mailing them is Oct. 15.

The contest, which is sponsored by the National Broiler Council, offers cash prizes ranging from $1,000 to $10,000.

For an entry form or more information, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Chicken Cooking Contest, c/o N.C. Poultry Federation, Box 2431, Raleigh, NC 27609.

Crafts Fair Slated In Boone, Oct. 10-12

A variety of crafts items will be offered during the 1986 fall fair of Blue Ridge Hearthside Crafts, Oct. 10-12 at Boone's Skateworld.

Fair booths will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day.

For more information and group rates, call (704) 297-2192.

Oops

An error appeared in the Word Search puzzle that was featured in the August issue of *Carolina Country*.

The word list included the word "cooperation," but should have been "cooperative."

The error was part of the original version of the puzzle as it appeared in *Consumer Connection*, which is published by East Kentucky Power Cooperative, Winchester, KY.

Advance Tickets Offered For State Fair

Discount tickets for the 1986 N.C. State Fair, Oct. 17-26 in Raleigh, are available in advance from three sources.

Admission to the fair at the gate is $4 for adults and $1 for children between the ages of six and 12. Adults 65 and older and children five and under get in free.

Advance sale tickets for adults are $3.50. Children's tickets are sold in advance for the usual $1 price.

Booklets of tickets for rides are available in advance, offering an $8.75 value for $6. They contain both adult's and children's ride tickets.

No refunds will be made on advance sale tickets, according to fair officials.

The advance ticket sales are offered by mail and through two outlets in Raleigh.

In Raleigh, the tickets will be sold at the fairgrounds near Gate 9 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., Oct. 1-16. Also, tickets and ride booklets will be available in the lobby of the N.C. Department of Agriculture building at 1 West Edenton Street.

Mail orders are to be placed using special coupons that are available through Winn-Dixie Stores. Mail orders cannot be filled after Oct. 13.

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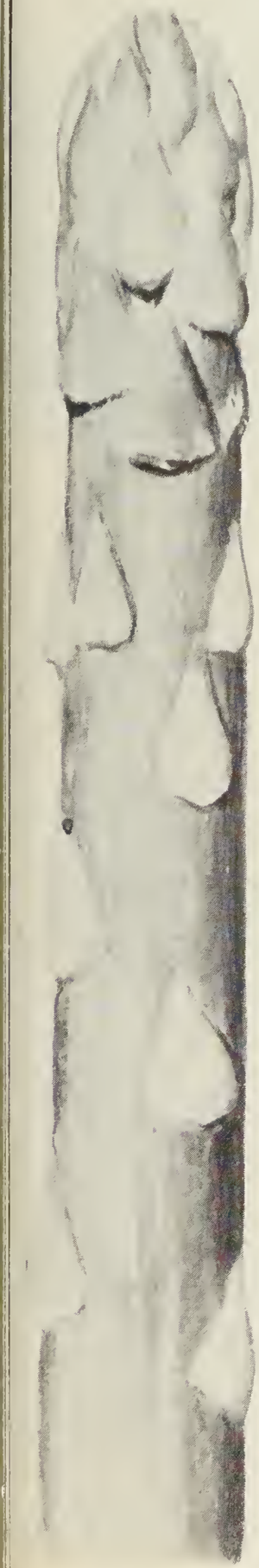

Farmers in Amish communities and parts of Holland had a little trick to growing extra-large spears of asparagus that fetched top prices. They would go down their rows and remove all the female plants — those that produce red berries — leaving only the males to produce stalks. Since the males never "go to seed" they put all their energy into growing fat, succulent spears.

Plant scientists took this idea a little further and produced a variety of asparagus that would grow *only* males, also making it a HYBRID so the productivity of the males could be increased even more. We call our variety "Ben Franklin" in honor of an energetic American patriot.

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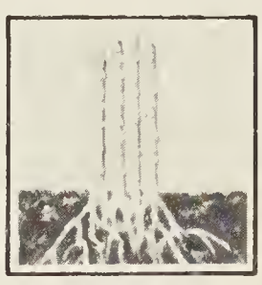

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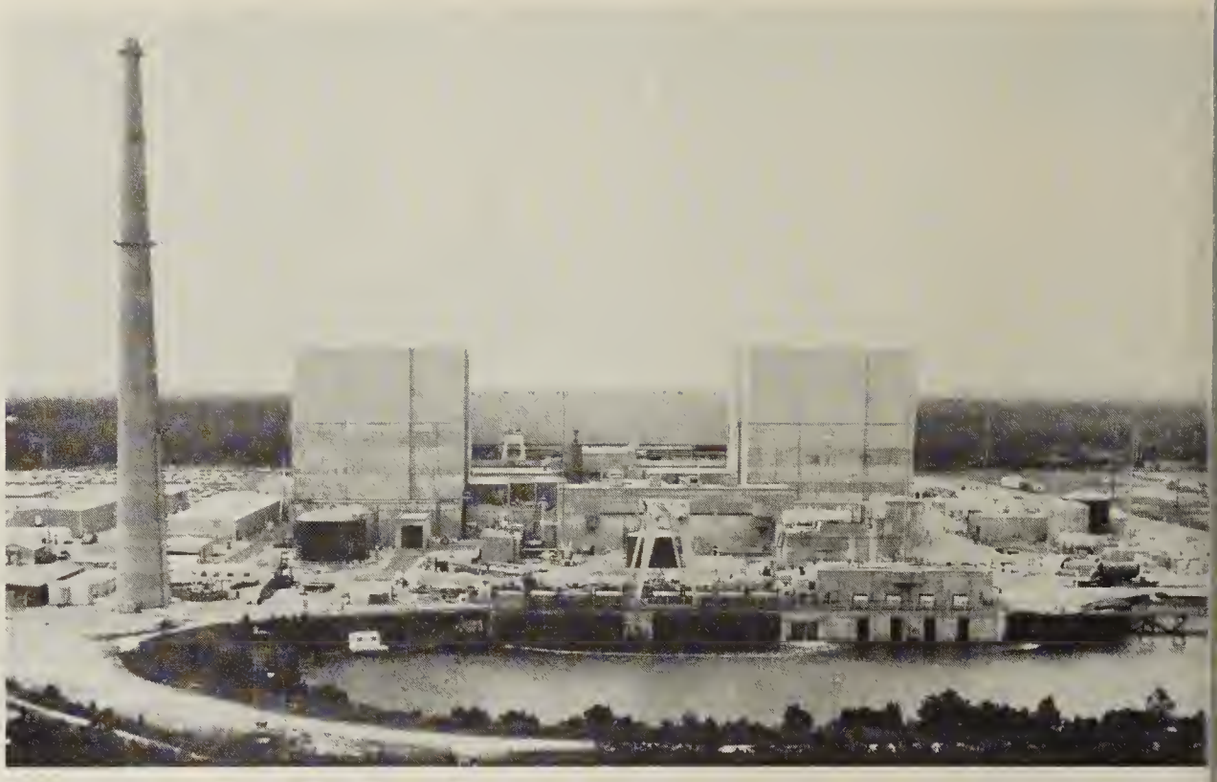


The Brunswick Nuclear Plant near Southport has two reactors with a combined capacity of 1,580 megawatts. One of the units began commercial operation in November, 1975; the other in March, 1977.

N.C. EMC To Buy CP&L Facilities

Agreement calls for co-op organization to acquire portions of three plants and transmission facilities.

North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (N.C.EMC) and Carolina Power and Light Company (CP&L) have reached an agreement "in principle" on plans for the co-op organization to buy portions of three CP&L power plants and a share of its bulk transmission system.

The agreement is based on N.C. EMC, the power supply arm of the statewide organization of Electric Membership Corporations, buying a 13.2 percent interest in the Brunswick Nuclear Plant and the coal-fired Mayo Plant and a 10.7 percent interest in the Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant.

N.C.EMC would also acquire 10.7 percent of CP&L transmission lines, which would be the generation and transmission co-op's first such facilities.

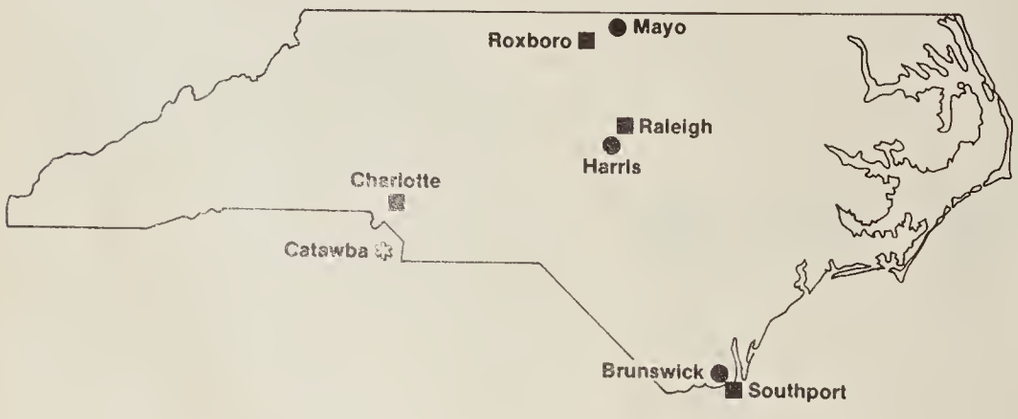
The purchase price would be about $700 million, according to CP&L Chairman and President Sherwood Smith and Jim Hubbard, executive vice president of N.C. EMC.

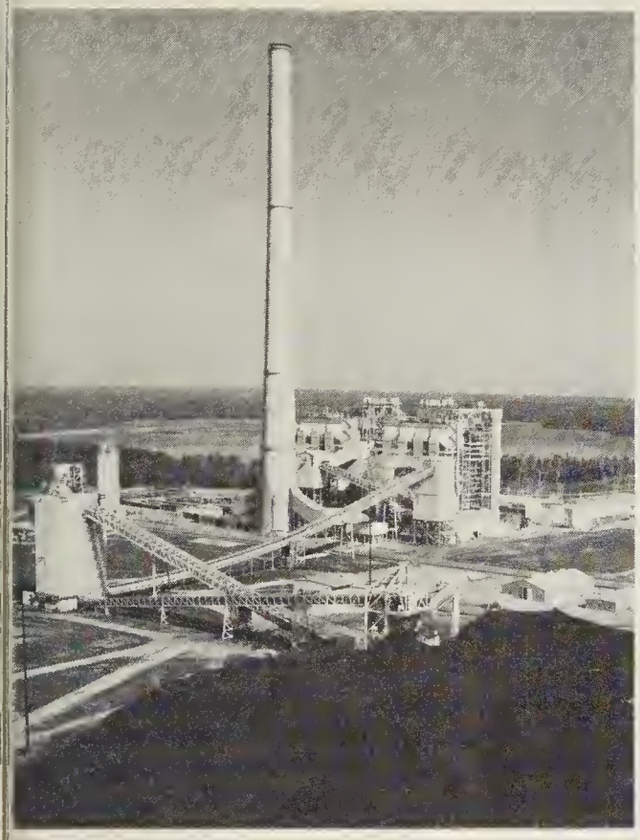
The officials said the arrangement would produce benefits for the consumer-members of the EMCs and for CP&L.

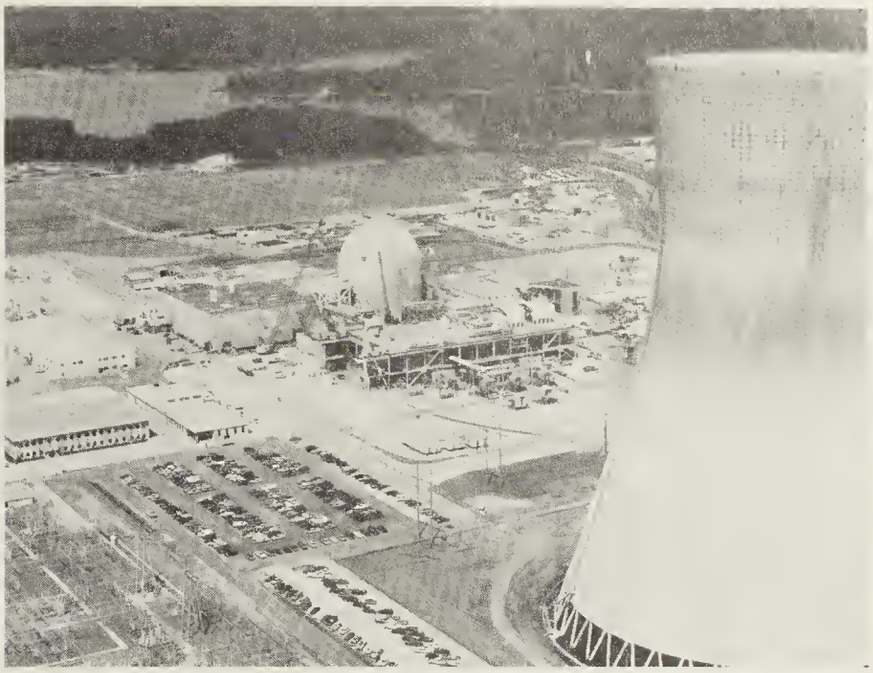
Hubbard said the arrangement would allow the cooperatives to reduce their power costs by several million dollars and to become co-owners of facilities that were built to serve them as CP&L's wholesale customers.

"The savings would be significant for the EMCs and their members," he said, "but the new relationship with CP&L is also important to us. It's a major step for the co-ops as they move toward establishing their own power supply system."

North Carolina EMCs' power supply facilities currently consist of a portion of the Catawba Nuclear Plant, which Duke Power Company built and is operating. If the proposed joint project with Carolina Power and Light Company can be worked out, the cooperatives will also own portions of three CP&L plants and a share of that company's transmission facilities.







LEFT—The Mayo Power Plant in Person County currently operates one 720-megawatt coal-fired steam unit. A second unit of that size is scheduled to begin commercial operation in 1992. ABOVE—The Shearon Harris Nuclear Plant in Wake County consists of one 900-megawatt generating unit, which is expected to go into commercial operation early in 1987.

The co-ops took the initial step toward that goal in 1981 when N.C.EMC purchased 644 megawatts of capacity in Duke Power Company's Catawba Nuclear Plant in York County, SC, which Duke built and is operating.

N.C.EMC, a generating and transmission cooperative serving 27 of the state's EMCs, would add another 398 megawatts of capacity to its system if the joint project with CP&L can be worked out.

The co-op organization would own 208.6 megawatts at Brunswick, 93.1 at Mayo and 96.3 at Harris.

Brunswick is in Brunswick County near Southport. Mayo is in Person County, about 10 miles northeast of Roxboro. Harris is in southwestern Wake County.

Hubbard emphasized that the agreement will now be the basis for preparation of detailed contracts, which he hopes will be completed within the next six months.

Those contracts will be subject to review by various state and federal regulatory agencies and the boards of directors of both organizations, he said.

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Among the crowd of about 50,000 at the 1985 Lexington Barbecue Festival was W. Gail Langley of Rt. 4, Stoneville, who wrote the story below about the festival and the piece on page 14 about Lexington's famous barbecue.

Her feature about a Rockingham County family's annual molasses-making ritual appeared in Carolina Country *last September.*

Mrs. Langley's husband, Joe, is manager of the Madison District Office of Davidson Electric Membership Corporation, Lexington.

Lexington's "Pig Day"

Thousands gather each October to enjoy street festival fun—and to devour tons of this city's famous pork barbecue

It was quite a sight to behold that beautiful fall day when the 1985 Lexington Barbecue Festival got under way with more than 200 runners lined up for the three-mile "Hawg Run."

Spectators along Main Street watched Alvin Everhart take the title of top "hawg" in that event, as they waited eagerly in the brisk air for the start of the "Parade of Pigs."

By 9 a.m., the street was packed.

"Miss Piggy," the grand marshall, led the parade, followed by a hog in a trailer. Next came a group of children, all dressed as pigs. The Three Little Pigs rode by in a convertible. A real pig strapped in a harness ran along behind the car, with two others riding nearby in a little wagon.

Then came the beautiful Budweiser Clydesdales, the horses that have become legends in recent years.

All in all, it was a fitting start indeed for the annual "Pig Day."

As Fonda Langley, my sister-in-law, and I started off to catch other activities, a young man pushed his way through the crowd, mumbling, "I've never seen so many people in all my born days!"

All those people had come to town for something special: the crafts, the parade, the performers or the barbecue.

By 9:30, the hickory-smoked meat had already been sampled from the two tents set up on the square.

Sarah Barnhardt and Jo Ann Thomas of Winston-Salem were on hand especially to partake of this culinary delight.

Ms. Barnhardt said she had worked in Lexington years ago and remembered how good the barbecue tasted. Between lip-smacking bites, Ms. Thomas agreed with her friend: "It's very good!"

It must have been. The festival goers would consume five tons of the barbecued pork before the day was over.

During the early hours, those who had booths in the shade had to wear coats or wrap up in quilts while the folks on the opposite side of the street basked in the warming sun. As the day wore on, temperatures rose into the seventies and most jackets were shed. Some hardy young souls even donned shorts.

More than 180 booths were set up along a six-block stretch of Main Street.

Woodcrafts far outnumbered the handiwork of the other booths, but all projects drew their fair share of attention and purchases.

On sale were festival souvenirs featuring "pig" objects made of ceramics, wood, stuffed cloth, hosiery and porcelain.

Also displayed were handwoven rugs, western hats, candles, paintings Halloween and Christmas decorations handmade dolls and the popular country-craze crafts.

Jean Nelson of Hickory showed her unusual paper cuttings—a colonial craft called "Scherenschnitte" brought to the United States from Germany during the 18th century. The designs are cut from typing pape and then stained with strong tea.

Third Annual Festival Set For Oct. 25

The Third Annual Lexington Barbecue Festival, which is expected to attract about 50,000 people to downtown Lexington, is scheduled for Oct. 25 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The popular event this year will culminate a series of special activities which will be part of "Barbecue Festival Week" in Davidson County. The week-long observance begins Oct. 18 with a Barbecue Barn Dance at the Davidson County Fairgrounds.

A Celebrity Dinner, featuring the Hager Twins of TV's "Hee Haw," is scheduled for Oct. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Municipal Club—with seating limited to 250.

The festival itself gets under way the next day with a "Hawg Run" at 8:30 a.m.

The "Parade of Pigs" begins at 9:15 a.m., featuring "Norma Jean" as grand marshall. She's the 600-pound celebrity pig who has been profiled in recent TV and newspaper coverage because she's the pet of a Lumberton neurosurgeon.

About 150 craftsmen will be displaying their wares at the festival, which will also feature live entertainment on three separate stages. Seven area restaurants will pool their resources to offer thousands of pounds of the famous "Lexington-style" pork barbecue.

Concluding the festival will be an 8 p.m. concert at the Lexington Civic Center offering a double bill: Country comedian Jerry Clower and the country music group, The Forester Sisters.

For more information about the festival events, write or call the Lexington Barbecue Festival, P.O. Box 1642, Lexington, NC 27293-1642. Phone: (704) 243-2629.

Although Fonda and I enjoyed taking our time viewing the many crafts, her son quickly became restless. Jeff wanted to venture off on his own, but Fonda was concerned about how he would look when he returned. The year before, he'd become a walking signboard for all the politicians.

It was difficult for him, but Jeff contented himself with watching others get decorated.

Three stages of entertainment, one at each end of the six blocks and another on the square kept the crowd hustling to catch as many programs as possible.

After the opening ceremony on the grandstand in front of the old courthouse, cheerleaders from various schools took part in a "cheer off" to Lexington as the state's barbecue capital.

The East Davidson High School cheerleaders, dressed in pig-faced shirts, cheered their way into first place.

In the "Shapeliest Hams" contest, a Central Davidson High School student's legs were declared tops over those of six other gals and two guys.

As the hog callers snorted, squealed and yelled, the crowd wondered what they were really trying to call in: Chickens? Pigs? Boars?

Ed Hunt emerged as champion caller with his ear-splitting squeal. He sounded as if he might be chasing boars through the woods.

The laughing crowd moved off toward the other stages where cloggers, gospel singers, jazz musicians, country bands and a high school chorus were performing.

As the day drew to a close, many sluggish viewers left town while others stayed to see country music star Roy Clark receive a key to the city. Then they joined him at the Civic Center, where he performed in concert.

Like many of the festival goers, we had enjoyed the events from early morning to late evening—and left feeling quite tired.

As Fonda and I headed toward the car, Jeff wasn't ready to leave. "Let's go through the historical building," he begged.

"Not now," Fonda answered wearily. We need to get some supper."

"How about some barbecue?" I asked. I still hadn't had enough of that delicious hickory-smoked pork!

—W. Gail Langley

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This performer in the 1985 festival's "Parade of Pigs" offers a cheery greeting to the crowd.

Photos by The Lexington Dispatch

Lexington Barbecue:

After 60 Years, It's Now More Popular Than Ever

Just what is it that makes Lexington's barbecue so special?

For one thing, it's the result of the long-life efforts of two Davidson County natives.

Sid Weaver and Jesse Swicegood introduced the "hickory-smoked" barbecue to Lexington. More than 60 years ago, Weaver prepared the delicious meat for his tobacco hands. Then, in the 1920s, Weaver and Swicegood went to town on weekends and during court week to set up tents near the square.

As people came to watch the trials, to sell stock and produce—or just to shop—they feasted on the barbecued pork shoulders these men prepared.

The meat cooked over wire-covered pits, which were filled with red-hot hickory coals in the ground behind the tents. It was saturated with a dip mixture of vinegar, water, salt and pepper. The dip and meat grease dripped onto the coals, causing the rising smoke to add to its hickory flavor.

In the 1930s, Weaver built a block building on the property where he usually set up his tent. It was at the corner of West Center Street and Greensboro Alley. Swicegood opened a stand across the street from his original tent location on Greensboro Alley. They then proceeded to train their successors.

As a result, barbecue soon became an institution in Lexington. Each week, the county's residents looked forward to coming to town for a barbecue supper and perhaps a movie.

My husband recalled looking forward to Friday nights where he was privileged to sample the delicious meat.

"Back in the fifties, when Daddy worked at the Erlanger Mill," Joe said, "as soon as he got off work at 11 o'clock, he came to get us boys and we walked the two miles to town to get barbecue sandwiches at Beck's on West Center Street."

Over the years, more barbecue restaurants have opened in the area. Those who had been trained under Weaver and Swicegood ventured into businesses of their own, altering the original menu only to add hush puppies to the barbecue plates.

The restauranteurs have carried on with the same recipes, and their popularity has spread over the country. In the 1983 session of the North Carolina General Assembly, the House of Representatives designated Lexington as the "Hickory-Cooked Barbecue Capital of Piedmont North Carolina."

That same year, Wayne (Honey) Monk of Lexington Barbecue No. 1 on Highway 29-70 South served Lexington's barbecue at the Williamsburg International Economic Summit for President Reagan and other dignitaries at a dinner of traditional American foods from different regions. Gene Whitley of Whitley's Barbecue took barbecue to Washington in 1984 for a "Taste of the South" dinner in Congress.

And today these businesses, along with more than a dozen other barbecue restaurants, serve Lexington's famous barbecue to a host of people who swarm into town for the Annual "Pig Day" Festival.

—*W. Gail Langley*

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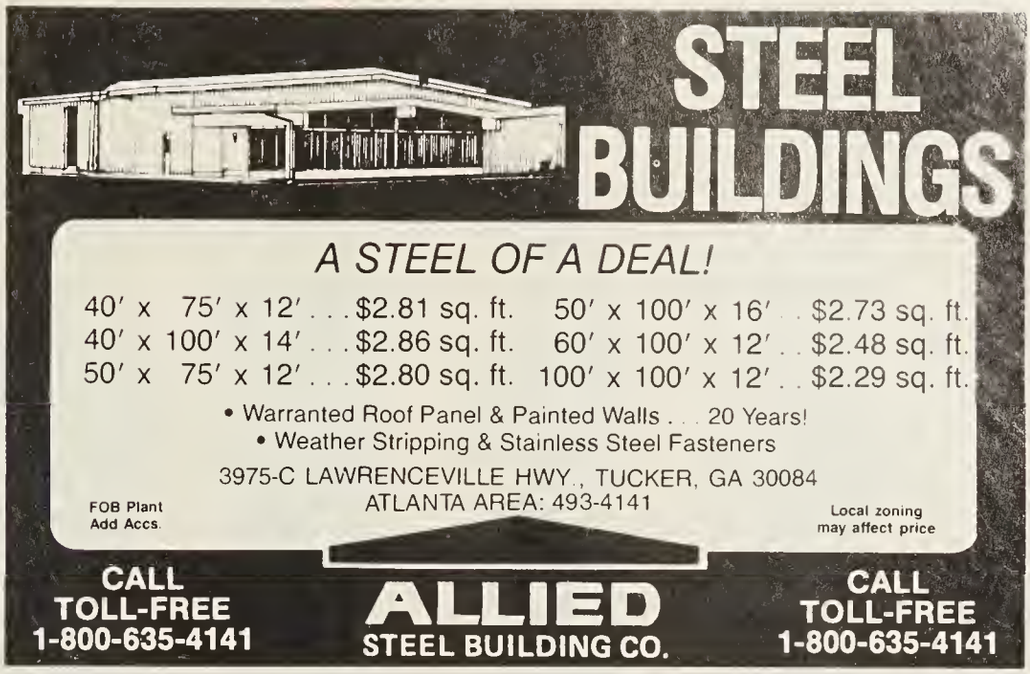
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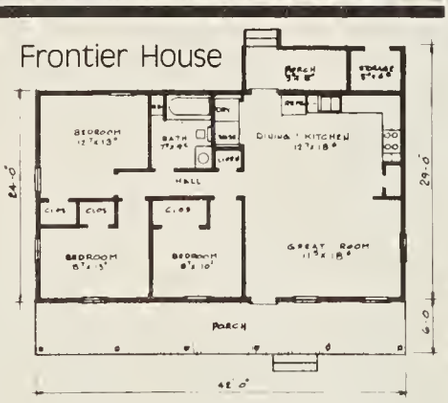

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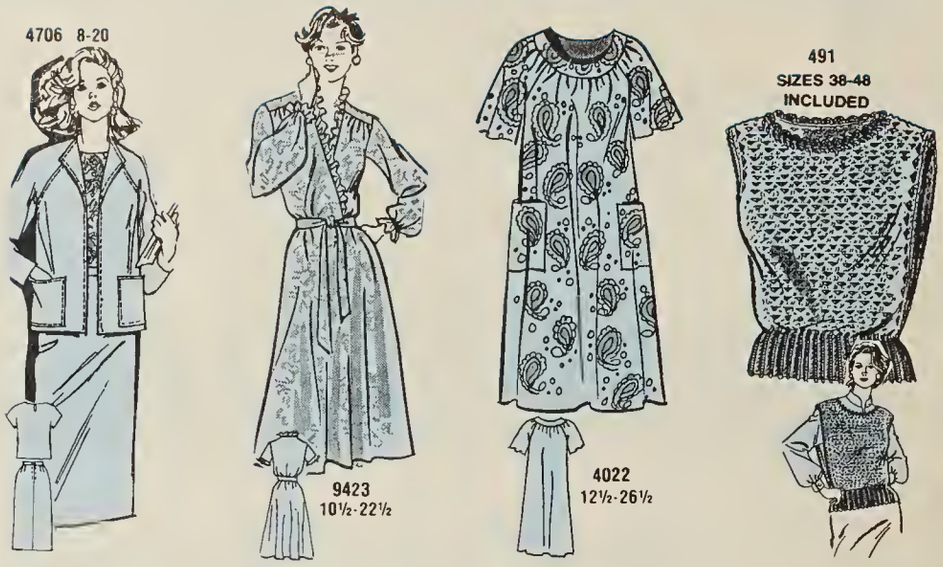

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I Am One of You Forever by Fred Chappell. Louisiana State University Press, Baton Rouge. 184 pages. $14.95.

One needn't read the book jacket to discover that Fred Chappell, author of the novel, *I Am One of You Forever*, is a poet. Singing all the melodies of the North Carolina mountains, his words dance off the page as sad ballads, lively banjo-picking and toe-tapping tunes.

When ten-year-old Jess, the novel's narrator, describes his grandmother's singing, we hear the harmony.

However, Chappell is not only a poet, but a mountain yarn-spinner as well.

In each chapter of the book we meet a different mountain character through the eyes of a boy trying to make sense out of all his strange relatives, out of a world gone crazy with the coming of World War II and out of the tensions between the worlds of men and women.

Joe Robert, Jess's father, does a man's work on the farm that belongs to his mother-in-law, Annie Barbara, but he remains a boy at heart—always ready with a practical joke or a wild story. Jess, Joe Robert and Johnson Gibbs, a young man from the orphanage who came to help on the farm, combine against the forces of conformity and civilization represented by the women in the family.

Sneaking into the sun parlor reserved for company, they eat Annie Barbara's elegant foil-wrapped candy over a period of weeks, replacing it with pullet eggs undiscovered until she serves the candy to her friends. She retaliates by cooking only eggs for the jokesters until she thinks they have been taught a lesson.

Yet even staid Annie Barbara doesn't know how to cope with her son Luden, drunkard and ladies' man, home from California for a visit. Gone every night squiring a different lady, he quickly arouses the wrath of every husband and boyfriend in Osgood County. It takes a practical joke orchestrated by Joe Robert to make Luden renounce wine and women—at least until he's out of the county and on his way back to California.

Not all the relatives are so lively. Uncle Runkin sleeps in the beautifully carved coffin he takes everywhere he goes. A man obsessed with death, he wanders through graveyards searching for the perfect motto to carve into the lid of his coffin.

Other uncles and aunts stop by. Uncle Gurton's only accomplishment in life is growing a beard long enough to keep tucked into his overalls. Uncle Zeno has never done a lick of work, but he tells stories with compelling power. Though rich and famous now, Aunt Sam remembers that it was Annie Barbara who got her started and is determined to repay her debt the only way she knows how.

Between visits from relatives Jess tells us about daily life on the farm. Johnson Gibbs has become one of the family, so the whole family grieves when he enlists to kill Hitler and end the war. Jess describes the baseball games, the fishing trips and the hard work that comprise his life.

He resents the adults' conspiracy to keep him ignorant about the mysteries he struggles to comprehend. "When I was as old as Ember Mountain," he complains, "they would still be keeping the important things from me."

Yet Jess does grow. He faces grief squarely and comes to terms with it. Piecing together clues about what it means to be a man, Jess prepares to take his place in a world of men.

Readers who like action-packed thrillers with intricate plotting will find this novel somewhat slow. But, those who enjoy roaming the mountains, meeting intriguing folk, will find it as colorful as a crazy quilt embroidered with bright, fanciful designs.

—Phyllis H. Johnson

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To Offer Unscrambled Programming

Telecommunications Co-op Organized

The nation's rural utility industries have formally organized a new cooperative venture to provide a full range of satellite-based telecommunications services for America's rural electric and telephone cooperatives.

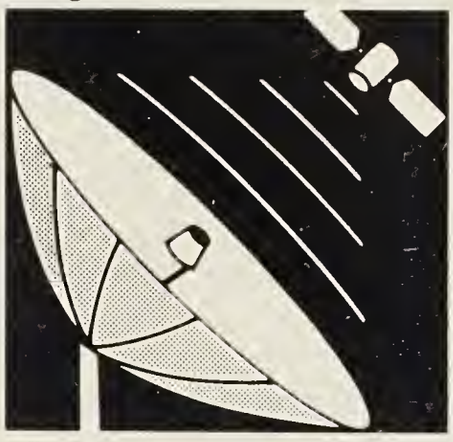
The new organization, which was incorporated on August 8, is the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC).

It was created through the joint efforts of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), which are both based in Washington.

The new entity, which will be based at the CFC headquarters, is expected to offer a package of unscrambled TV programming for satellite dish owners for a monthly fee.

The service would be offered through local electric and telephone co-ops.

Talks are already under way between NRTC officials and representatives of the Disney Channel regarding such a decoding arrangement.



Disney is expected to begin scrambling its signal soon, following the lead of other major cable programmers.

Until scrambling began earlier this year, the nation's satellite TV dish owners could tap cable programming directly from satellites without charge. But they can now receive the scrambled programs only by adding decoder devices to their systems and paying the programming service a monthly fee.

The NRTC package arrangement would allow a dish owner to avoid buying a $400 decoder and to pay for several programming signals in one monthly payment.

When the NRTC was formally organized, it took as its first Board of Directors the members of a national telecommunications council, which NRECA and CFC had formed last year to offer suggestions on telecommunications and its applications for co-ops. (See box.)

The 24-member group has been establishing standards for equipment that a co-op might use for satellite link-ups and developing a manual outlining how a co-op could organize a telecommunications service.

Also under study are bi-directional ties that permit two-way communications without the use of telephone lines.

Gary Gordy, CFC's planning and member relations officer, has been named interim chief executive officer of NRTC.

Officers of the organization's board are: James A. Vann Jr., manager of Dixie Electric Cooperative in Union Springs, AL, president; A. Daniel Murray, manager of Adams Electric Cooperative, Gettysburg, PA, vice president and Robert Williams, manager of Pee Dee Electric Cooperative, Darlington, SC, secretary-treasurer.

EMC Manager Named To NRTC Board of Directors

The manager of Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation, Shallotte, has been named a charter member of the Board of Directors of a new national telecommunications cooperative.

David J. Batten moved into the post as the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) was formally organized.

The new organization took as its first board the members of an advisory council that has spent the past year studying telecommunications and its potential uses for local electric and telephone cooperatives.

The 24-member National Telecommunications Council was appointed in 1985 as a joint effort of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Batten said he's "really excited" about his role on the council and the board of the new co-op.

"I'm glad to be part of it."

Vo-Ag Teachers Needed

WANTED: Vocational agriculture instructors to teach in North Carolina high schools. Starting salary:$20,614. Job opportunities: Excellent across the state.

Each year there are job openings for 30 to 40 vocational agricultural teachers in North Carolina, but an associate professor of education at North Carolina State University says that fewer than 20 new college graduates a year go into the field.

"There is a genuine need for more people in vocational agriculture," said Dr. Larry R. Jewell, head of the agricultural education program in the NCSU School of Education. Agricultural education students are trained to teach high school vocational agriculture courses.

Of the 15 to 25 agricultural education graduates from NCSU each year, about 50 percent usually go on to teach, Dr. Jewell said. Many graduates are lured away to more lucrative professions, he added.

N.C. A&T State University, the state's only other university with an agricultural education program, has about three to four graduates each year who go on to teach, he said.

In some communities, vocational agriculture programs have closed down because of the teacher shortage. Other programs have resorted to hiring "provisionally certified" teachers, those with a four-year degree in some field of agriculture who are working to earn a teaching certificate, Dr. Jewell said.

In rare cases, school systems have hired "emergency certified" teachers, people who may have no college degree at all, but have experience in agricultural fields, he said.

Students continue to enroll in high school vocational agricultural courses in spite of problems in getting enough teachers.

NCSU, which accepts about 15 new students into the agricultural education program each year, offers some special programs to encourage students to enter the field, Dr. Jewell said.

One of the program's most effective recruiting tools has been the three-year-old Institute for Future Agriculture Leaders, he said. The week-long institute held during the summer invites 40 rising high school seniors to campus to learn about fields of study in agriculture.

Dr. Jewell said six of the institute's original participants already have entered the agricultural education program at NCSU. At least three more from the first group plan to transfer to NCSU, he said.

In addition, scholarship aid is available to agricultural education students at NCSU, he said.

Economic ills that have struck many farmers in North Carolina and across the nation have not deterred high school students from pursuing vocational agriculture, Dr. Jewell said. There have been some declines in enrollment, but they have not been significant, he said.

For high school students planning to look for work after graduation, vocational agriculture has the highest employment rate of all vocational education programs, Dr. Jewell said. According to a state survey, 95 percent of the high school vocational agricultural graduates seeking employment found jobs, 64 percent of those in an agriculture-related field.

There are about 270 vocational agriculture programs in about one third of the state's public high schools, Dr. Jewell said.

About 400 teachers teach courses in agricultural production, horticulture, forest resources and agricultural mechanics.

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EMC ANNUAL MEETINGS CALENDAR

Date	Electric Membership Corporation	Time	Location
Sept.			
20	Albemarle, Hertford	Registration: 12:00 Noon Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Kermit E. White Graduate & Continuing Education Center of Elizabeth City State University
Oct.			
3	Central, Sanford	Registration: 6:45 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Lee Senior High School, Sanford
4	Carteret-Craven, Morehead City	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	West Carteret High School, Morehead City
	Surry-Yadkin, Dobson	Registration: 12:00 Noon Business Meeting: 2:00 p.m.	Surry Central High School, Dobson
	Union, Monroe	Registration: 11:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.	Piedmont High School, Monroe
6	Cape Hatteras, Buxton	Registration: 7:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 8:00 p.m.	Cape Hatteras High School
	Four County, Burgaw	Registration: 6:30 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Union High School, Clinton
7	Lumbee River, Red Springs	Registration: 6:00 p.m. Business Meeting: 7:30 p.m.	Performing Arts Center, Pembroke State University
11	Crescent, Statesville	Registration: 8:30 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.	Statesville Senior High School
	Davidson, Lexington	Registration: 10:30 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.	Central Davidson High School, Highway 47, Lexington
18	Brunswick, Shallotte	Registration: 8:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.	West Brunswick High School, Highway 130 Shallotte
25	Rutherford, Forest City	Registration: 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting: 11:00 a.m.	East Rutherford High School, Forest City

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Filling:

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dash cinnamon or nutmeg

Place all in a saucepan and cook until tender.

Use basic biscuit dough. Pinch off dough as for biscuit. Roll out each piece, not too thin, and place mixture on half of dough, fold over other side and seal. Press edges with a fork. Fry in iron skillet in fat until golden brown. Turn to brown both sides.

Cheese Biscuits

Using the basic bread dough, pinch off biscuit size pieces of dough and flatten slightly in the hand. Put a one-inch piece of medium sharp cheddar cheese in the center and pull the edges up to seal well. Place the sealed edge down in a lightly floured biscuit pan. Bake 450° for about 12 minutes. Serve hot. Cheese will be melted inside.

Cookbook Recalls Depression-Era "Culture" Of North Carolina Tobacco Farm Families

The recipes above are reprinted from *Old Carolina Tobacco Country Cookbook: From the Great Depression To World War II* by Arlene Aaseby of Blounts Creek.

Mrs. Aaseby published the 64-page paperback book in 1985, she says, to "present the culture of the tobacco farm people from a historical viewpoint."

Thus, the book includes far more than recipes. Much of it is devoted to the author's reminiscences about the way of life she knew while growing up in Beaufort County during the Depression.

She sells the book herself at crafts fairs and other events and by mail as part of a business she started after her husband died in 1984. Its principal product is a chewy peach-flavored candy like the little triangular sweets her father once bought her as a treat.

Her memories of the candy had remained so strong that she searched for it when she returned to North Carolina after spending 20 years away. Once she finally found some of it, she arranged to package and sell it under her own brand name, "Taste of Carolina."

For information about the cookbook and the candy, write to Mrs. Aaseby at P.O. Box 100, Blounts Creek, NC 27814.

Take Time To "Refresh" The Soul

While trying to get my strength back from the flu recently, I took a walk along a pasture on our farm in Burke County. I passed the old wash place my mother-in-law used to wash her clothes for a family of nine children. Over 40 years ago, she had to haul them up the hill in her arms to hang them out at the house to dry.

As I walked along, watching the water flow down from the mountain, I could not help but turn the clock back several hundred years. I thought of the Indian women who probably washed there, the Indian children who played there and the Indian men who hunted along the creek, leaving arrowheads that we've found nearby.

My own boys, who are 7 and 8 years old, love the creek. It's their favorite place. I thought of the generations of children who have loved to play in that creek.

I began to recover my strength quickly from the flu after that early morning walk.

When we work all day—week after week—expending our energies in stress-related jobs, how refreshing it is to the soul to stop and take time to enjoy some of the beauties of "nature." It's there to enjoy—if we only take the time to look.

Nancy R. Watts
Morganton

Mrs. Watts and her family are consumer-members of Rutherford Electric Membership Corporation, Forest City.

In Dorton Arena

Sawyer Brown Opens Concert Series

Sawyer Brown, winner of the 1986 Country Music Association Horizon Award, will open this year's North Carolina State Fair entertainment program with an Oct. 17 concert at Dorton Arena.

The group has risen to prominence with such hits as "Used To Blue," "Step That Step" and "Betty's Bein' Bad."

The Forester Sisters, another top country music group, will perform in the arena on Oct. 18. Their hits include, 'I Fell In Love Again Last Night," "Just In Case," and "Mama's Never Seen Those Eyes."

Other star performers scheduled to appear at Dorton are:

Oct. 19, Country comedian Jerry Clower and gospel bluegrass favorites The Lewis Family; Oct. 20, The Bellamy Brothers; Oct. 21, Lee Greenwood; Oct. 22, Dan Seals and Marie Osmond, who will perform their hit recording as a duo, "Meet Me In Montana."

Also: Oct. 23, The Drifters; Oct. 24, Jerry Reed; Oct. 25, Tanya Tucker; Oct. 26, Charley Pride.

Admission to the arena shows is free, but seating is available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show time is 7 p.m.

Meanwhile, the popular groups, The Diamonds and the Super Grit Cowboy Band, are scheduled to appear on the fair's outdoor stage.

The Diamonds will perform Oct. 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 while the Cowboy Band will appear Oct. 22, 23 24, 25 and 26.

Show times are 2 p.m., 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. each day.

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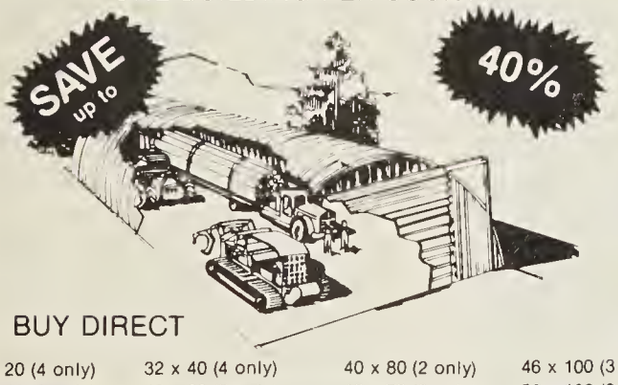

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WASHINGTON SCENE

Election Similar To '58 But Reagan's Influence Will Be Greater Than Eisenhower's

With the 1986 elections just weeks away, some Democrats are hoping for a repeat of 1958, recalling wistfully the political events of that year. They maintain that the nation's circumstances then were similiar to today's, as they hope to match the success their party enjoyed then.

The scenario then was much as it is today: an immensely popular president was entering the last two years of his eight-year tenure as the nation's chief executive; Democrats controlled the House of Representatives but the Senate was almost a stand-off between the two parties and neither could be sure of success on any measure brought before it.

There had been some unpleasant occurrences in the White House—Sherman Adams, the chief of staff, had been forced to resign because he had received some favors from Bernard Goldfine, a millionaire manufacturer who faced criminal charges. But none of the taint had touched the father figure of President Eisenhower. The nation still "liked Ike" and said so in every poll.

Few predicted what would happen in November of that year, when the Democrats clobbered the GOP, gaining 12 Senate seats and more than 45 new members in the House. Not even George Gallup had seen it coming.

Freshmen who came to the Senate that year included Robert Byrd and Jennings Randolph of West Virginia, Edmund Muskie of Maine and Howard Cannon of Nevada, who left their marks on the direction the nation took over two decades. One of the class, Harrison Williams of New Jersey, fell by the wayside after more than 20 years. He was caught in the Abscam trap and went to prison.

Democrats who indulge in nostalgia are hoping that 1958 will repeat itself this year at the polls, but there are some factors today that make this year differ from that occasion.

In 1958, for example, Eisenhower did not leave the White House to campaign for Republican candidates. He remained in Washington, well above the election battles that were being waged out in the states. Instead, he sent Vice President Richard Nixon out to support the GOP candidates who were hoping to go to Congress.

Nixon promptly started charging the Democratic candidates with being at best Socialists and at worst Communists and got so carried away that Ike felt the need to ask him to tone down his rhetoric.

The surprising Democratic successes seemed to show that the country, too, considered the charges of Communism too shrill.

It's different today, when President Reagan is getting to all parts of the country, drawing large crowds to fund-raisers for GOP candidates, raising huge sums that can be translated into TV time as election day nears.

It's an accepted fact in Washington that one of Reagan's greatest hopes during the next two years is to name at least one more member of the Supreme Court, which would likely give a majority to those who want to reverse the present legality of abortions and the illegality of prayer in the public schools.

Given the ages of three of the liberal justices (80 years or so), it seems probable that at least one of them may be forced to quit before 1989 and with a Democratic Senate, Reagan and Attorney General Ed Meese might have difficulty getting another Rhenquist type approved. So keeping a Republican Senate is very important to the White House.

Another difference between 1958 and 1986 is the status of the presidential health.

Ike in 1958 was not a well man. He had had a severe heart attack and a life-threatening illness during his six years in the White House, and in addition to disliking campaigning he was in no physical condition to go out and stump for Republican candidates.

Reagan, on the other hand, seems quite healthy and carries his 74 years like a feather, as he tours the country and tells the people they "never had it so good."

So the difference between 1958 and 1986 may well be the difference

in the tenants in the White House.

Even with his Hollywood background, Ronald Reagan has now come to be recognized as a skilled political operator—possibly the best to occupy the Presidency since Franklin Roosevelt, and he is certainly going to be a force in this year's elections.

The Democrats may well gain a Senate majority this fall—and many think they will. But that outcome will not stem from the miscues of a "designated hitter" who's representing an ailing President on the campaign trail.

Rather, it would come over the best efforts of a robust "great communicator," doing what he does best—rallying crowds and TV audiences in behalf of his party's standard-bearers.

President Demonstrates Effective Political Clout On Textile Imports Vote

President Reagan demonstrated his political clout in no uncertain terms when he managed to narrowly defeat an attempt in the House to override his veto of the textile imports bill, a measure that would have sharply limited the amount of textiles brought into the U.S. from foreign countries.

Since 1980, the imports from such nations as Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong have increased sharply and foreign textile goods now claim almost half of the American market. During that time, many domestic plants have been forced to close and some 300,000 workers—many from the South—have lost their jobs.

Congress passed the bill to cut imports by about 30 percent several months ago and in August tried to overturn Reagan's veto. As the vote neared, representatives from textile states—both Democrats and Republicans—worked feverishly to get the two-thirds of the House needed to reverse Reagan's veto. They failed by nine votes.

It was an unusual coalition that worked for the textile bill. Mill officials from the South, many of them lifelong supporters of the GOP, lined up in opposition to the Republican administration. Textile magnates such as Roger Milliken, the South Carolinian who has been a backer of GOP conservative candidates for years, were aligned against the White House. After the defeat, Milliken said he was "bitter."

Republican governors, including North Carolina's Martin lobbied for the override measure and GOP House members, for whom Reagan has appeared at fund-raising affairs, denounced the president's veto during the debate.

It was a strange state of affairs.

Democrats, sensing a political gain this fall, watched the events with some glee.

For the record, all members of the North Carolina House delegation voted against the president in the losing cause.

Whether it will affect the fall elections when all of them face opposition will be apparent in the weeks ahead.

But Reagan showed once again that he knows how to use the power of the Presidency as Jimmy Carter never learned.

As his second and last term gets closer to the end, that power may diminish but everyone agrees it hasn't happened yet.

As the textile vote neared, it became apparent that he needed two more votes to insure that his veto would be upheld.

Rep. Carroll Campbell (R-SC), one of the leaders of the losing cause, said Reagan got on the phone and sewed up the two votes in about "ten minutes."

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HANK'S GARDENING GUIDE

Most of September is a summer month even as summer merges into autumn. Early mornings and late afternoons are prime times for handling routine gardening chores. Now's the time to get a head start on planting the fall and winter garden.

Spring-flowering Bulbs

Begin now to order your spring-flowering bulbs to be planted in mid-to-late October. Order as soon as possible to be assured of getting first-quality bulbs.

Build Compost

Leaves soon will be falling and they make excellent material for mulching. Instead of burning leaves, use them for compost. Rake them together and mix small amounts of fertilizer with them to hasten rotting.

Perennial Flowers

Now's the time to make any necessary changes in the perennial flower garden by transplanting those plants which have finished blooming. Cut plants back to about six inches of the soil line. Any perennials that have multiplied into a clump should be divided—making sure that you get a good clump of roots with each separation.

Tree Care

Shade trees should be fertilized and watered well. To accomplish this, build a trench-dike in a circle around the tree. Make it deep enough to hold four inches of water. The diameter of the basin should be equal to that of the leaf canopy of the tree. For very small trees, make the basin six feet in diameter.

Vegetables

In the vegetable garden keep on planting beets, turnips for greens, lettuce and broccoli.

Warm-season vegetables—eggplant, tomatoes, squash, okra, beans, peppers—can bear until frost if the garden has not been ravaged by drought, weeds, insects or diseases. Vegetables that are bearing will benefit from a final feeding this month. Apply composted manure or a complete fertilizer. Use fertilizer at one-half the suggested rate on the label.

Litter

Remove all dead leaves you can from plants in your garden. Either hand pick the leaves or lightly brush them off with a flexible lawn rake. Rake all litter from beneath plants. This removes an inviting haven for over-wintering insects and disease organisms.

Peonies

If peonies are crowded, dig and divide them from now through mid-October. Select roots that have three to five buds on them and plant six inches deep in well-prepared soil with organic matter thoroughly mixed in.

Peonies prefer to grow undisturbed—so it's wise to plant them in an area that will be the "peony plot" for time to come.

Control Scale

As soon as the temperature is below 85 degrees (F.) and expected to remain so for at least two days, it will be safe to spray broadleaf evergreens with oil emulsion to control scale.

Applied when weather is too warm, oil sprays are damaging to plants.

Pruning to Plant

When trees or shrubs are planted it is wise to give them a moderate tip-pruning of branches. This is especially important on bare-root plants, those set out without a ball of soil around the roots. Any long, craggy roots or weak, broken roots need to be pruned on bare-root plants.

In moving a very large shrub, prune heavily in order to shape the plant and head it back into a desirable form.

Autumn Color

In planning for autumns yet to come, it is worthwhile to keep in mind the flowering plants and fall foliages.

Sasanqua camellias, coupled with autumn-flowering mums, contribute much to the colorful fall scene. As autumn merges into winter, you'll want to accent the landscape with berry color from such plants as pyracantha, nandina, French mulberry and many of the holly group.

For autumn, few trees out-class the Gingko (Maidenhair tree). The brilliant yellow leaves often shed completely in a matter of a few hours. This makes Gingko ideal for use on lawns, where leaf-raking comes to be a major fall chore. Be sure to plant only the male Gingko. The female plant bears a foul smelling fruit. Among other good choices for foliage color from trees are: Sweet Gum, Red Maple, Southern Sugar Maple, Japanese Maple, Sourwood, Crepe Myrtle and Tulip Poplar.

Winter Damage

Last winter's severe freezes left many cold-damaged shrubs. Dead wood probably has been removed by now. If not, cut it away while healthy limbs still have leaves and you can distinguish between the two. Where a part of a branch was killed, cut back to live wood.

Some crepe myrtles were killed to the ground, others had damage only to some limbs or trunks. Many plants have sprouted back from the roots.

Some old, very large plants benefited from being cut off at the ground with a "new" plant emerging from the roots.

We'll have more advice about frozen crepe myrtles next spring.

Fertilize Roses

Give roses their last feeding for the year.

House Plant Return

In late September or early October, begin to move house plants back indoors. Be sure to check for any insect problems and take corrective measures before moving your plants inside.

Fertilize Lawn

Now's the time to start fertilizing your cool season lawns (Ky. Fescue). Also begin overseeding and repairing spots in your lawn that died out this summer.

Sow Fescue seed at the rate of five to seven pounds per 1,000 square feet.

If you are establishing a new lawn for the first time, use a lawn-starter fertilizer which is slightly higher in phosphorus. This will promote good root growth and winter hardiness.

Watch for Red Spiders

Keep an eye on your evergreen shrubs—especially the narrowleaf evergreens such as junipers—for the appearance of red spiders.

Control by spraying with a strong stream of water from the garden hose.

Prune Hydrangea Carefully

If you prune your bigleaf hydrangea (*Hydrangea macrophylla*) this fall, do the job carefully so you will not interfere with next year's crop of showy blue, pink or white flower heads.

This species blooms on the tips of last year's growth. When pruning, cut out old canes that bear faded flowers. Leave all new growth shoots undisturbed.

If winter weather gets severe, give some protection to the clumps or the delicate terminal flower-buds will be lost.

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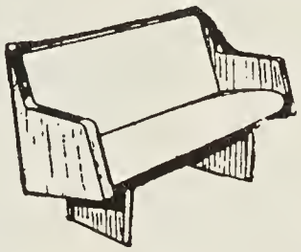

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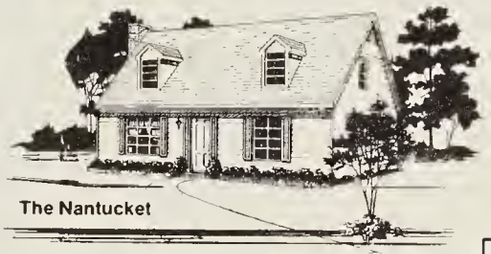

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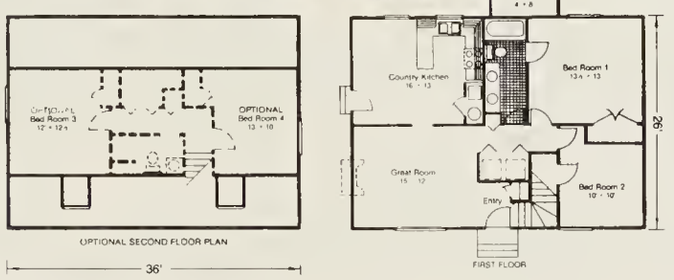

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BELOW: Javid Heravi of Sparta, who represented Blue Ridge EMC, Lenoir, joins a Youth Tourist from another state during a cruise on the Potomac River.

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That's how one participant in the 1986 North Carolina Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington described the week-long event after returning home.

She's Melanie Gallimore of Rt. 11, Lexington, who represented Davidson Electric Membership Corporation on the trip.

One of the week's most important learning experiences, she said, was visiting with members of the Tar Heel congressional delegation. Through those visits, "we all obtained new insight and knowledge" about how government operates.

A total of 38 youths representing EMCs across the state participated in the program, which is coordinated by the N.C. Association of Electric Cooperatives.

The trip included visits to monuments, historic sites, various government agencies, Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts and the White House. Tar Heel youths also participated in several events with similar youth groups from various other states.

For information about competitions to select participants in the 1987 tour, contact your local EMC or write to Mrs. Lorrie Constantinos, N.C.AEC, P.O. Box 27306, Raleigh, NC 27611.

ABOVE: Members of the North Carolina delegation during a program for Rural Electric Youth Tourists from across the country. They are, from the left, Tina Gorby of Wake Forest; Ellen Thompson of Rt. 3, Windsor; Virginia Dickens of Enfield and Stuart Squires of Rt. 1, Merritt.

ABOVE:Two of the tourists say goodbye upon returning to Raleigh. They are James Benton of Rt. 1, Lawndale, left, and Melanie Cornelison of Mocksville. LEFT:The Tar Heel group donned their dressiest outfits for dinner and a play at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

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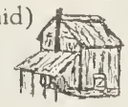

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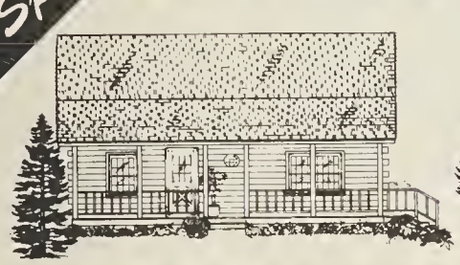

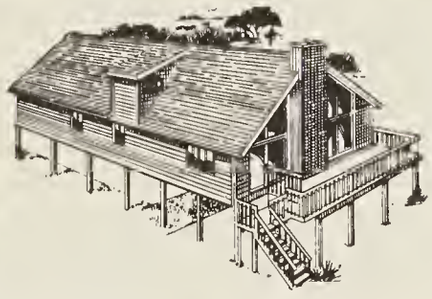

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A Veteran Farm Writer's Parting Shot: A Salute To America's "Real Heroes"

"I was afraid it might be a bit dull just writing about chickens and cows and such all the time. Believe me, it's been anything but!"

That comment came from veteran farm writer Bill Humphries as he recalled the feelings he had when he began his career in agricultural journalism 38 years ago.

He'd studied English and journalism at Wake Forest College before realizing an ambition he'd developed as a boy growing up on a Person County farm: to become a newspaper reporter. His first job was as a writer and editor with his hometown newspaper in Roxboro.

After a couple of years in that position, he was offered a job with the Agricultural Extension Service at North Carolina State University. He took it, despite his concerns about how interesting his work would be in such a specialized field.

"I have never regretted my decision," he said.

He joined Extension in 1948, but left the job five years later to become the first Farm Editor of *The News and Observer* in Raleigh. Then, in 1974, he returned to Extension.

Just before he retired, a few months ago, Humphries wrote a final column reflecting on his career as a farm reporter and on the changes that have shaped the farming scene he's covered so thoroughly.

In it, he wrote, "More change has occurred on the farm during these (past) four decades, perhaps, than in any previous century of human history."

As a result, he said, it has been "an exciting time to be an agricultural writer and editor in North Carolina .... The job has been anything but boring. To me, it has been extremely interesting and challenging."

At times, he pointed out, the job "has been sad and painful, as in the past few years when so many families have had to give up and seek a livelihood elsewhere. Even now, the outlook for thousands of farm people, in North Carolina and across the nation, can only be described as very discouraging—in many cases heartbreaking."

The saddest part of the current agricultural situation, Humphries said, "is that many if not most of the financial problems of farm families have been brought about by forces beyond their control."

After listing the most important developments in North Carolina agriculture during his career (see box), he concluded with a personal salute to farmers:

"No one has ever been awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor for achievements in farming. But farmers, in my opinion, are the real heroes of America today. They deserve a great deal more recognition and consideration from the nation's leaders than they have received.

"I am proud to have been associated with them and to have spent my career these past 38 years reporting their struggles and achievements. My earnest prayer is that better days and better times are ahead for all of them who are doing such a good job."

It Says Here ...

The federal government would have picked up about $60 billion in additional revenues last year if it could have collected taxes from the nation's "underground economy."

The term refers to that part of the U.S. economy which is not reported in official government statistics and which does not pay taxes.

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About $160 billion of that is income and interest earnings that people simply don't report. Illegal activities, such as gambling and drug-trafficking, account for another $40-$200 billion.

Strangely, some apparent drug smugglers in southern Florida already file a Schedule C listing of income and expenses every year, according to the Internal Revenue Service.

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—*Owen Bishop*

Major Agricultural Developments Of The Past 40 Years

Here's Bill Humphries' list of major developments in Tar Heel agriculture over the past 40 years:

- Increased farming efficiency, allowing each farm operator today to supply the needs of 112 people—at prices that are "among the most reasonable in the world."
- The decline in the number of farm workers, who now account for less than 3 percent of the state's population.
- The decline in the numbers of farms and their average size.
- The decline in net farm income.
- Mechanization, especially the shift to bulk curing of tobacco.
- Development of a more orderly tobacco marketing system.
- The various controversies affecting tobacco.
- The state's emergence as a poultry producer, ranking first in turkeys, fourth in commercial broiler chickens and sixth in eggs.
- Diversification allowing non-leaf products to produce 75 percent of the state's current agricultural income.
- Expanded uses of electricity on the farm. ("Thanks in large part to rural electric coperatives, power lines now run to farms and households in every nook and cranny of the state. The extent to which farmers have expanded their usage of electricity has been astounding.")
- "Science power," which has increased farm production and efficiency

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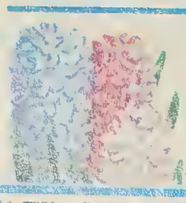

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